



**EXPEDITED HANDLING PROCEDURE
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116
GROUP ART UNIT: 3732**

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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| Application No.: | 10/645,531 | Examiner: | M. N. Bumgarner |
| Filing Date: | August 22, 2003 | Art Unit: | 3732 |
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| For: | DEVICE FOR CLEANING INTERDENTAL SPACES | | |

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Final Official Action mailed April 4, 2006 in the above application. This response is timely in view of a Petition to enlarge the shortened statutory period for response submitted herewith, including the requisite fee.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, submitted under 37 C.F.R. 1.116, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendment at least for purposes of appeal is respectfully requested in view of the fact that the rejected claims are presented in better form for consideration on appeal (37 C.F.R. 1.116).

AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Abstract

An amendment of the abstract is presented under the heading "Amendment to the Abstract."

Amendments to the Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS. The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application including any current amendments. This list of claims is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.